

# Airman dies in auto accident



Staff Sgt. Curtis Williams

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A Dyess Airman died in an accident Monday while traveling in a government vehicle on Interstate 20 between Eastland and Ranger, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Curtis Williams, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron electrician, entered the Air Force June 3, 1998, and has been at Dyess since November 2002.

“Staff Sergeant Curtis Williams will be sorely missed,” said Lt. Col. Barry Mines, 7th CES commander. “He had worked in both our electrical shops and our self-help store. He had a great attitude and always had a smile on his face, which made him a perfect person to work customer service in our self-help store.”

“Curtis had a heart of gold and was always willing to help and volunteer on any job needed,” he said. “Whenever we had squadron functions, Curtis always volunteered to help run games for the children. Curtis was a great family man and was very involved in his local church. The entire civil engineer

squadron grieves over the loss of Curtis, and our sincere condolences go out to the Williams family.”

Sergeant Williams was born in Fayetteville, N.C., on July 15, 1980, to Jesse and Gayle Williams. He graduated from James Bowie High School in 1998.

His hobbies were athletics, poetry, and work with his local church.

“The entire Dyess family mourns the loss of Sergeant Williams,” said Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander. “Our deepest sympathies are with the Williams family and friends. Curtis was an outstanding Airman, and he will be sorely missed.”

Sergeant Williams is survived by his wife, Niesha, and two sons, Tyricke, 6, and Dimipri, 4.

He will be laid to rest near his younger brother, Terrence Williams, in Arlington, Texas. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday at 4 p.m. at New Beginnings United Pentecostal Church, 5535 Buffalo Gap Rd.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Billy Juniell at 696-2108.

The cause of the accident is unknown at this time.

# START team visits Dyess

By Capt. Brandon Pollachek  
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Dyess was recently the host to a 10-person Russian-led team of inspectors visiting the base for a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty inspection.

The team arrived Feb. 7 for two days of updating data relating to the 7th Bomb Wing’s compliance with terms of the START treaty.

The purpose of the team’s trip to Dyess was to inspect the 7th BW’s bombers and weapons storage to ensure Dyess has no Air Launched Control Missiles and to ensure the base is compliant with the treaty.

“Dyess was found to be in compliance with the START treaty,” said Mr. Lou Martucci, Dyess’ treaty compliance officer. “Everything went smoothly, and we were able to complete the inspections in four hours.”

Mr. Martucci credits the preparation of all the agencies that were inspected for the START team to be able to conduct their inspections quickly.

Under the terms of the treaty, officials from the republics of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine are allowed to inspect any military facility to take a look at its strategic capabilities. The START treaty was signed Dec. 5, 1994.

Dyess’ last visit by a START inspection team was May 2005.

“The treaty allows them to come and inspect us twice a year,” said Mr. Martucci.

The dedication and professionalism of Team Dyess was recognized by the START team inspectors prior to their departure.

“The chief inspector said ‘The warm Texas air was surpassed by the warm friendship of the base personnel,’” said Mr. Martucci.

As part of the process, American teams are also inspecting military installations in the former Soviet Union.

# Crew chief surprised with ‘STEP’ promotion

By 1st Lt. Aaron Hochman-Zimmerman  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

During an early morning commander’s call Feb. 9, a 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief was awarded his fifth stripe via the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program.

The 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was assembled as the entire unit was recognized for its work, and Staff Sgt. Jesse Roberts was called to the front of the room as it was announced that he had been submitted to 12th Air Force for a STEP promotion.

Colonel Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, told the room it was disapproved, but gave Sergeant Roberts a wing coin.

As Sergeant Roberts walked back to his seat, 7th Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler said to Colonel Harencak,

“Hey, sir! You know you could promote him.”

Colonel Harencak presented Tech. Sgt. Roberts with his new stripe before a standing ovation.

“It’s a tremendous experience for me to be able to (have) an immediate impact on an Airman and on the future of the Air Force,” Colonel Harencak said. “It was a great honor to give Jesse his stripe. He is a tremendous Airman.”

The unassuming B-1 crew chief of Aircraft 5080 “West Texas Fury” was surprised to learn of his promotion.

“I’m glad people think that way,” Sergeant Roberts said. “It’s just my job. It’s what I do; I enjoy it.”

A STEP promotion is used to reward an outstanding, deserving Airman who works hard and performs superbly but has difficulty with promotion testing. It is not

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Photo by Senior Airman Mario FloresMontero

Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotee Staff Sgt. Jesse Roberts, 9th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, gets his new stripes “tacked” on by Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and his wife, Betty, in an informal promotion ceremony here Feb. 9.

# Uniform board results released, apply to Airmen now

WASHINGTON – The 97th Air Force Uniform Board released their newest results for proper wear of the uniform.

The board met in October and discussed everything from eliminating the Air Force Good Conduct Medal to maternity uniforms.

In addition, a Headquarters Air Force badge will be available this summer. The badge provides a distinct identification of military staff members assigned to the Air Staff and the Air Force Secretariat. Details about this badge will be available at a future date.

The following changes are effective immediately:

- Approval to wear the blue nametag with the Air Force informal uniform – the member’s abbreviated rank and name will be on one line. This uniform is worn by recruiters, honor guard, enlisted aides, chaplains, chaplain assistants, world-class athletes, and fitness center and health and wellness center staffs.
- Cummerbund pleats will face up in all cases.
- If due to a temporary medical

condition, such as chemotherapy, which results in baldness, commanders will authorize the approved American Cancer Society cap, wigs or baldness while in uniform.

- Bracelet size is reduced to one-half inch. Bracelets that support a cause, philosophy, individual or group are not authorized. Traditional POW/MIA bracelets are still permitted. Gemstone and tennis bracelets are only authorized while wearing the mess dress.
- Rings will be worn at the base of the finger and will not be worn on the thumb. Wedding sets count as one ring.
- Eyeglasses will not be worn around the neck, on top or back of the head or hanging on the uniform.
- Epoxy blue nametag is optional on the blue shirt.
- Wear of the firefighter duty badge is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3E7X1 duty Air Force specialty code, including periods of professional military education and staff tours above group level.
- Wear of the security forces

duty badge and beret is authorized while an individual is assigned a 3PXXX duty AFSC position and it is also their primary AFSC, including PME attendance and staff tours above group level.

- The Air Force Good Conduct Medal will no longer be awarded. Previously earned medals are still permitted.
- Mandatory wear of the physical training uniform is set for Oct. 1 as per the instructions released last November.
- Cell phones, pagers and personal digital assistants must be solid or covered in black, silver, dark blue or gray, and must be conservative. They may be clipped to the left side of the waistband or purse or carried in left hand. Only one may be worn on the uniform belt. Members will not walk in uniform while using phones, radios or hands-free headsets unless required in performing official duties using a government-issued device.
- Permanent wear of the scuba badge is authorized on the battle dress uniform.
- While not deployed, desert

combat uniforms may not be worn unless en route to the basic combat convoy course. “Deployed” for this purpose includes members traveling en route to/from rest and recuperative leave from the Central Command area of responsibility, as outlined in a policy announced in mid-2005.

This session of the Air Force Uniform Board included a special panel that was specifically chartered to make recommendations regarding updates/revisions to uniform standards affecting female Airmen. After careful review, the board approved several changes that affect females, specifically:

- “Scrunchies” are prohibited.
- Hairpins and bands must match hair color.
- Hair color, frosting and highlights will not be faddish and will match natural hair colors, i.e. blonde, brunette, natural red, black or gray.
- No shaved head or flat-top hairstyles for women.
- Synthetic hair can be worn, as long as it meets safety and mission requirements.
- Braids, micro-braids and corn-

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## Air Force Awards

Dyess congratulates the following Air Force-level award winners from the 7th Medical Group:

**Captain Melissa Meister**  
Public Health Officer of the Year

**Technical Sergeant Shane Brown**  
Outstanding Biomedical Equipment Repair  
Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

See next week’s edition of the *Dyess Global Warrior* for a full story on both winners.



# Action Line

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## COMMANDER’S CORNER

This past week, Team Dyess suffered the loss of one of our brothers-in-arms.

Staff Sergeant Curtis Williams, from the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, lost his life in a tragic vehicle accident.


Sergeant Williams was a loyal and hard-working team player.

We will all miss his professionalism, great attitude and unique abilities.

Our hearts go out to his wife and two young children.

While this and other recent deaths have been a trying time for us all, I am filled with pride and admiration for the tremendous support that all of Team Dyess and the community have given the families of our fallen warriors.

Sergeant Williams will always be our brother, and his legacy of courage, honor and sacrifice will never be forgotten.



**Col. Garrett Harencak**  
7th Bomb Wing commander

# Key elements critical to mission success

## Three ingredients help Airmen hold to core values and maintain accountability for their actions

**Commentary by Maj. Lee Bridges**  
*7th Component Maintenance Squadron commander*

It takes only a few minutes in the Air Force to realize that our way of life is different from the rest of society. If nothing else, having some guy you’ve never met wearing a “Smokey the Bear” hat yelling while you get off the bus on your first day, is an attention getter. Is this really necessary? After all, don’t the airlines fly airplanes just as well as we do? Is it that much more complicated for us to deliver a bomb than it is for an express mail carrier to deliver a package on time?

I believe we have to be different because we are entrusted by society with a special responsibility. We defend our country. We may even be called upon to kill. Knowing when to kill — or not to kill — is a huge responsibility of the military professional.

Almost daily I watch the news and see our troops under attack. It amazes me to see the remarkable restraint our brave, young warriors demonstrate. They follow the rules and don’t shoot unless they have a clear target. Yet they stand their ground. I imagine most people would run or at least be bent on revenge if they were taking fire. Not our troops, however, because they are professionals.

It’s difficult to put into words the ideas and actions that make us different from civilians, but it’s easy to recognize it when we see it. Holding to our core values and maintaining accountability for our actions are key aspects to ensuring we are warriors with professional-

ism, rather than a bunch of mercenaries.

A few simple points that I believe are critical to our success are integrity, accountability and discipline.

Integrity is one of our core values. We have to count on one another to do the right thing. Years ago, one of my crew chiefs documented a critical engine inspection before doing the work. I think he intended to do the work, but was pulled to another task and never did the inspection. Rather than come forward, he checked out the equipment the next day and back-dated the records to make it look like he had actually done the work. One of his friends saw what he’d done and reported it. We removed the F-16 from the schedule and accomplished the inspection.

*Our discipline means we actually carry through by using integrity to guide our actions and maintaining accountability for our own actions ...*

As it turned out, the engine was out of limits and may have failed before the next inspection. This was a serious breach of integrity. The friend ended up taking a lot of grief for bringing the incident to light and, as you might expect, lost the crew chief’s friendship. But so what? He saved a \$20 million jet and potentially saved a pilot’s life. More importantly, he had the integrity to do the right thing — regardless of any personal cost. That’s the sort of guy you can trust with important things. As a commander, I’ve had other Airmen identify similar issues, so I know this Airman wasn’t unique.

Accountability is more important to us than one might expect. Our set of rules is extensive. We have

laws, the uniform code of military justice, regulations, instructions, technical orders and a lot of other directives. We expect that those who don’t follow the rules will be corrected. If there is a serious violation, we expect punishment. How about the other side of accountability? Don’t we expect those who do a good job to be rewarded? Warriors expect fairness, not favoritism.

Discipline is the glue that holds everything together. Our discipline means we actually carry through on using integrity to guide our actions and maintaining accountability for our own actions and those who serve with us.

In some ways, discipline is like exercise. The more you practice, the stronger you become. Discipline has to be applied continually. We often focus on external discipline and how to motivate and keep others compliant with standards, but self-discipline is more important.

One of my former office-mates made senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant during the three years we worked together — both on the first time and both in the minimum time possible. He also completed his master’s degree and maintained a pace of 22 weeks TDY each year. As our planner, he also had a full load at work, coordinating our 10 inspectors and working plans with three other branches.

The amazing part was that he got everything done, including gym time, in less than a nine-hour day. The secret was self-discipline. He built a schedule of everything he wanted to do, planned his time and kept to it. Although it sounds difficult, it is possible with a lot of self-discipline.

Are we different than the rest of society? Yes. Do we need to be? Absolutely! And I wouldn’t want it any other way. Who wouldn’t want to be a part of an organization that expects integrity, holds people accountable for their actions, and is disciplined enough to carry through? That defines what it is to be an Airman.

### TEAM DYESS

## FOD Fighter of the Week

### Senior Airman Bradly Preston




Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Oscar Lamas

**Senior Airman Bradly Preston, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron B-1 crew-chief, was performing maintenance on a B-1 aircraft, when he discovered a screw extractor. His discovery eliminated potential damage to aircraft.**

## ORI tips ...

### Items to think about in preparation for and during the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection.

- Does your DD Form 1574 show a current mask inspection date and due date one week out?
- Does your DD Form 1574 show required information listed in the Airman’s Manual?
- Is your mask fit test accomplished and are you wearing the correct size you were tested for?
- Do you have your Airman’s Manual?
- Is your canteen filled with water?
- Can you demonstrate how to drink from a canteen with your mask on?
- Do you know the meaning of the alarm signals ?
- Do you know the different MOPP levels?
- Do you know the different MOPP variations and when they’re authorized?
- What is the purpose of M-8 paper?
- Do you know how to place M-8 paper?
- What is the purpose of M-9 tape?
- Do you know how to place M-9 tape?
- What is the purpose of M291/M295 decon kits?
- Do you know how to mark and call in UXO’s?

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# Team Dyess annual award winners

Airman	NCO	Senior NCO	Company grade officer
 <p><b>Senior Airman Jason Madewell</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Civil Engineer Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Fire alarm communication center supervisor <b>Hometown:</b> Cookeville, Tenn. <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> Three years <b>Hobbies:</b> Flying, outdoor adventure sports <b>Goals:</b> To finish flight instructor ratings and my bachelor's degree</p>	 <p><b>Technical Sergeant William Brown</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Medical Support Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Noncommissioned officer in charge, medical equipment repair <b>Hometown:</b> Crestview, Fla. <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 16 years <b>Hobbies:</b> Golfing, volunteering, camping <b>Goals:</b> To make the rank of senior master sergeant</p>	 <p><b>Senior Master Sergeant Jeffrey Parker</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Security Forces Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Operations superintendent <b>Hometown:</b> St. Louis <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 26 years <b>Hobbies:</b> Basketball, softball, reading <b>Goals:</b> To make the rank of chief master sergeant</p>	 <p><b>Captain Scott Koeckritz</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Operational Support Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Command and control flight commander <b>Hometown:</b> Cerritos, Calif. <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Four years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 16 years <b>Hobbies:</b> General aviation, hockey, golf <b>Goals:</b> To continue my education in Air Force leadership and become an effective commander and mentor</p>
Team Dyess first sergeant	7th Bomb Wing first sergeant	Honor Guard Airman	Honor Guard NCO
 <p><b>Master Sergeant David Wells</b> <b>Unit:</b> 40th Airlift Squadron <b>Job title:</b> First sergeant <b>Hometown:</b> Norwalk, Calif. <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 20 years <b>Hobbies:</b> Deploying and redeploying <b>Goals:</b> I'm too old for goals; I might make some when I get home and actually see my wife for a few days.</p>	 <p><b>Master Sergeant Michele Borel</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Services Squadron <b>Job title:</b> First sergeant <b>Hometown:</b> Queens, N.Y. <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Three years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 16 years <b>Hobbies:</b> Writing <b>Goals:</b> To graduate from Embry-Riddle University with a master's degree in the next two years</p>	 <p><b>Senior Airman LeaAnna Dees</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Component Maintenance Squadron <b>Job title:</b> B-1 engine mechanic <b>Hometown:</b> Meridian, Idaho <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> Three years <b>Hobbies:</b> Swimming <b>Goals:</b> To make the rank of chief master sergeant</p>	 <p><b>Staff Sergeant Jacob Sanchez</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Vehicle maintenance technician <b>Hometown:</b> Fremont, Ohio <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Three and a half years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> Three and a half years <b>Hobbies:</b> Reading, running, playing video games, weight lifting <b>Goals:</b> To make the rank of chief master sergeant</p>
Volunteer	Civilian category I	Civilian category II	Civilian category III
 <p><b>Dee Dee Orsak</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Family services coordinator, lead key spouse, president of enlisted spouses' club <b>Hometown:</b> Kenedy, Texas <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Two years <b>Hobbies:</b> Cooking, reading, helping active duty and military families at Dyess <b>Goals:</b> To continue to help people every day</p>	 <p><b>Veronica Parks</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Aeromedical Dental Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Medical office assistant <b>Hometown:</b> Waco, Texas <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Nine years <b>Hobbies:</b> Aerobics, shopping with my daughter, reading <b>Goals:</b> To be the best mom and wife I can be and to one day begin work on my master's degree</p>	 <p><b>Donna Brown</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Operations Support Squadron <b>Job Title:</b> Chief, Operations Group readiness <b>Hometown:</b> Abilene, Texas <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Seven years <b>Time in Air Force:</b> 20 years <b>Hobbies:</b> Making jewelry, cooking <b>Goals:</b> Obtain my master's in psychology</p>	 <p><b>Danny Walters</b> <b>Unit:</b> 7th Services Squadron <b>Job title:</b> Golf course superintendent <b>Hometown:</b> Buffalo Gap, Texas <b>Time at Dyess:</b> Eight years <b>Hobbies:</b> Golf, gardening <b>Goals:</b> To maintain the finest golf course in the Air Force</p>



# Ceremony recognizes Dyess’ best



Above: Senior Airman Jason Madewell, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department fire alarm communication center supervisor, and his wife, Courtney, pose together after he won the Airman of the Year award. Accompanying him are Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander; 7th Bomb Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Paul Wheeler; and retired Col. Steven Arrington, award ceremony guest speaker and former Inspector General at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



Above: Mrs. Linda McKnight, 7th Bomb Wing judge advocate staff member, poses her husband, Ronald, and Colonel Harencak after accepting an award nomination medallion for the Category 1 Civilian of the Year Award. Right: Colonel Harencak presents Senior Airman LeaAnna Dees, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion jet engine journeyman, with the Honor Guard Airman of the Year award.



## 12 Dyess Airmen win awards for outstanding performance



Above: Dyess honor guard members (left to right) Senior Airman Nathaniel Bias, Staff Sgt. Tiana Church, Airman 1st Class Eugenia Garita and Tech. Sgt. Corey Forshee prepare to present the colors before the 2005 Annual Awards ceremony at the Abilene Civic Center Feb. 3.



Left: Doctor (Capt.) Jon Eric Wilson, 7th Medical Operations Squadron physical therapy element chief, and his wife, Jennifer, walk under an arch of sabers before the awards ceremony. Doctor Wilson was nominated for Company Grade Officer of the Year.

# Congratulations ALS grads

The following senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Feb. 9:

Christopher Anderson	7th AMXS	Walker Grant	7th AMXS	Michael Morris	7th SFS
Michael Autrey	7th Muns	Corey Green	11th ASOS	Jose Munoz	7th CMS
Jesse Beneventi	7th OSS	Melinda Grisby	7th MDOS	Ricardo Nunez	7th SFS
Jennifer Boone	7th BW	Kristoffer Golden	7th AMXS	Aaron OConnor	40th AS
Ted Burnett	7th MXG	Bryan Hamilton	317th AMXS	Serina Palomo	317th MOS
Eric Catlett	7th SFS	James Haines	7th LRS	Roy Pasko	7th AMXS
Rigoberto Castaneda	7th Muns	Troy Hosmer	7th LRS	Simona Patrick	7th MSS
Gregory Chambers	7th SFS	Charles House	7th SFS	Shawn Rankins	7th SFS
Anthony Chapa	7th AMXS	Sky Johnson	7th MUNS	Aaron Reich	7th AMXS
Romeo Correa	7th SFS	Robert Jones	7th AMXS	Matthew Schuyler	7th AMXS
Jason Crane	7th AMXS	James Kilgore	7th AMXS	Cory Sharpe	317th MXS
Ashley Crosby	7th CMS	David King	7th BW	Kyle Slater	317th AMXS
Adam Crothers	7th AMXS	Jason Kinney	9th ASOS	Ryan Stone	7th AMXS
Michael Doss	7th AMXS	Joshua Lincicum	7th SFS	Derik Thompson	7th AMXS
Michael Esarey	337th TES	Michael Maldonado	7th SFS	Robert Walstead	7th AMXS
Adam Esposito	9th ASOS	Brian Martin	7th AMXS	Robert Will	317th AMXS
Lawrence Floyd	7th CS	Garrett McCullough	7th AMXS	Wyatt Wilson	7th CS
Jeremy Gilstrap	317th AMXS	Jennifer Morris	7th OSS	Steve Young	7th AMXS



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## Awards



Technical Sergeant Gordon Storey, military equal opportunity superintendent, received the Air Combat Command 2005 Mission Support Award in the category of Outstanding U.S. Air Force MEO individual in January for excellent job performance and volunteerism.



Ms. Karen Thomas, 7th Mission Support Squadron, received the 2005 Air Combat Command Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year award at wing standup in January for creativity in backfilling civilian positions to replace military servicemembers who were deployed fighting the war on terror.





Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

TEAM DYESS  
Warrior of the Week  
Staff Sgt. Howard Taylor

**Unit:** 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
**Job title:** Defensive avionic craftsman  
**Job description:** Performs and supervises organization-al-level maintenance of the electronic warfare systems on 22 B-1 aircraft.  
**Time in the Air Force:** Eight years  
**Time at Dyess:** Seven years  
**Marital status:** Wife, Hollie; son, Cameron  
**Hometown:** Bernville, Pa.  
**Most rewarding job aspect:** Seeing how the electronic warfare system protects the B-1 from radar threats.  
**Career goals:** To make the rank of chief master sergeant  
**What you like most about Dyess:** The ever-growing relationship with the local community  
**What you like most about the Air Force:** Camaraderie with co-workers  
**What is your best Air Force memory:** Getting a B-1 incentive ride and being able to control such a strong force.

*(Editor’s note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors.)*

# ORI tips ...

Individual protective equipment  
16-step buddy check

1. Helmet secured
2. Helmet marked rank, first/last name, USAF
3. Vision not obscured by mask “fogging”
4. Filter canister intact (not hollowed out)
5. Hood straps wrapped under arms and secured
6. Hood straight (not flipped up from bottom)
7. Jacket zipped up, snapped, and velcro secured
8. Front draw cord tied
9. Rubber gloves tucked into jacket sleeves
10. Jacket snaps fastened to pants in back
11. Pant legs zipped, velcro secured
12. Pant ankle draw cords tied
13. “Sim M-9” placed on suit according to the Airman’s Manual
14. Ground crew ensemble pant legs over boots
15. Mask carrier properly worn in one of three approved configurations
16. Mask carrier closed



News Briefs

Space-available travel

Current space-available C-130 flight schedule:

- Feb. 24, call for take off times to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; continuing to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras; returns Feb. 28.
- Feb. 26, takes off at 9 a.m. to Pope AFB, N.C.; returns March 3.

All flights are subject to changes or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification cards plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at Bldg. 4112, Avenue A3.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must coordinate with the pax terminal by calling 696-4505 or 696-8732.

Batting cages open

The batting cages, which are located behind the Hanger Center, are now open. This service is free, and tokens may be picked up from the fitness center or bowling alley during regular operating hours.

There is a maximum of six tokens per patron per visit.

Patrons must be 16 years or older. Dependents ages seven to 15 may be issued tokens if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children under the age of seven are not permitted in the batting cages.

The pitching machine requires two tokens for 10 balls. Batting cages are available for use 24 hours per day, except during inclement weather.

A complete set of rules is posted on the batting cages. Patrons may also stop by the outdoor recreation center for a copy.

For more information, call the outdoor recreation center at 696-2402.

Men’s varsity softball tryouts

All Dyess personnel, including dependents, may try out for the Dyess men’s varsity softball team.

Tryouts are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the base softball field.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Allen Oldfather at 696-4481.

Casino night

The Officers’ Spouses’ Club is scheduled to host a casino night tonight. The event is open to all ranks and is scheduled to be held at the Heritage Club. The entry fee is \$5.

Casino cash and bingo cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. Games begin at 6 p.m. and prizes will be awarded at 9:45 p.m.

DRMO

No property reutilization issues will be processed until Feb. 24 because of mini-

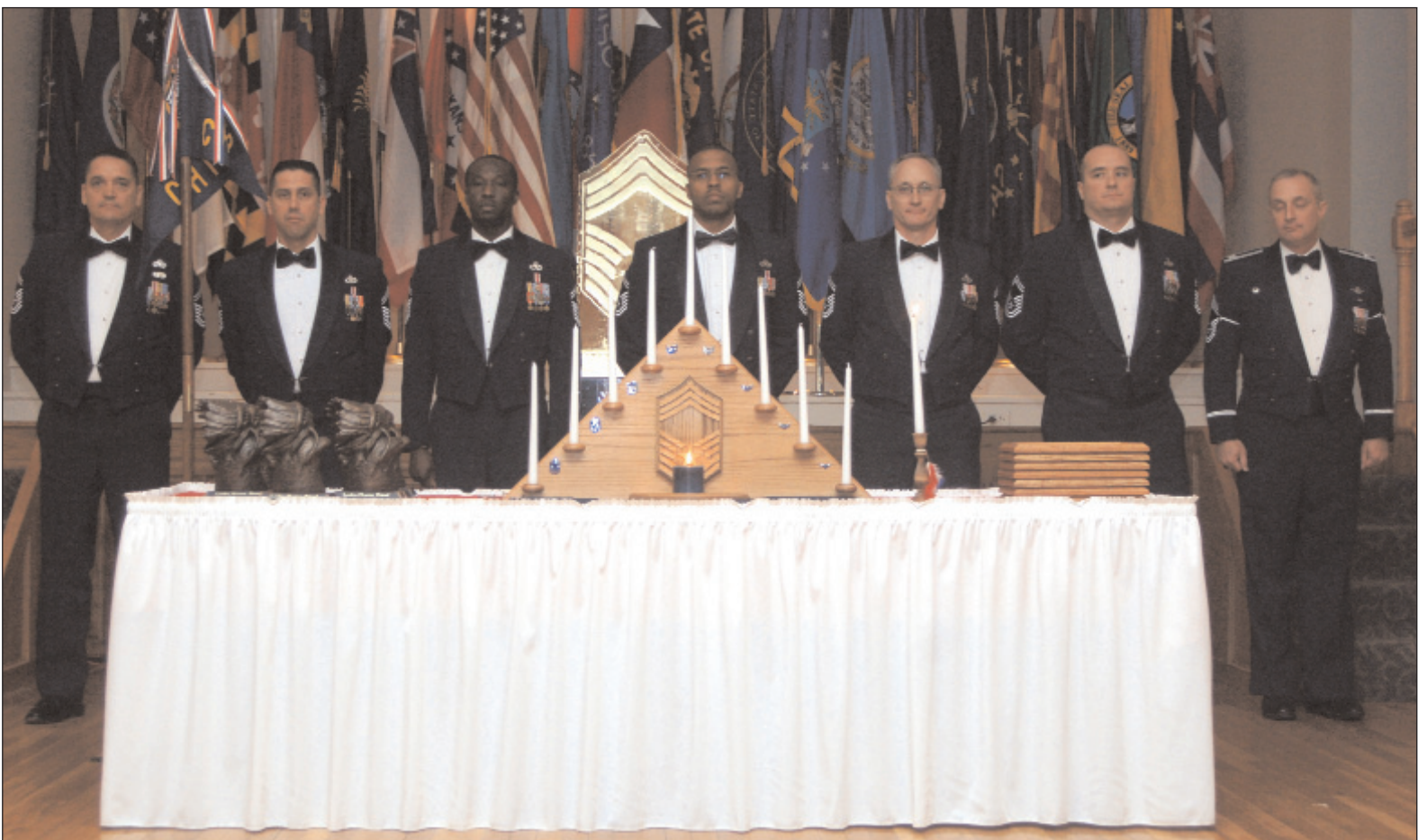


Photo by Airman 1st Class Aaron Walker

New chiefs at Dyess

**From left to right — Senior Master Sergeants Roger Rugotska, Roger Shaw, Rickey Swinton, Robert Scarlett, Andy Dodson, Anthony Bunch, and honorary Chief Master Sgt. Col. Garrett Harencak are inducted to the rank of chief master sergeant in a ceremony Feb. 10 at the Heritage Club. The most recent inductees took several oaths, read scrolls, and lit candles as part of the ceremony. Inductees were presented with a chief’s bust, and spouses were presented with plaques to honor their sacrifice.**

mum staffing. Property processing issues are scheduled to resume Feb. 27.

For more information, call the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at 696-3101 or 696-2224.

For all DRMO withdrawals, call the Logistics Readiness Squadron customer service office at 696-4464 or 696-3890.

The LRS customer service office is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association is scheduled to meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 6873 located at 1049 Veterans Dr.

All meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ricky Butler at 696-1793.

Tuition assistance

All Air Force personnel receiving tuition assistance must send a copy of the approved tuition assistance form to their schools.

Students who fail to do so may be disenrolled from their courses.

Schools cannot seek payment from the Air Force without a copy of the approved tuition assistance form.

The Dyess Education Center is not authorized to send a copy of the approved form to schools; it must be done by the student as part of the enrollment process.

For more information, call William Phillips at 696-5545 or e-mail

william.phillips@dyess.af.mil.

“Parents Night Out”

The base child development center and youth center are scheduled to host a Parents Night Out Feb. 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. at both centers.

The cost is \$13 at the CDC and \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members at the youth center.

Parents attending “The Drifters” performance at The Heritage Club must pick up their children no later than 11 p.m. Advance reservations and payments must be made at the CDC or the youth center. Proof of attendance is required. Parents attending the performance will receive validation of attendance at the club on the night of the performance.

Parents not attending the performance must pick up their children no later than 10 p.m. Advance reservations and payments are not required.

For more information, call the CDC at 696-4337 or the youth center at 696-4797.

Estate notice

Anyone with a claim for or against the estate of Master Sgt. Steven Sherwood may call Capt. Melissa Meister at 696-5480.

Tops in Blue to visit Abilene

Tops in Blue is scheduled to perform “And The Beat Goes On” Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. The event is free, and tickets are not required.

For more information about the concert, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

Free transportation to the event will be provided.

A bus is scheduled to leave the Longhorn Dining Facility at 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. and the base commissary at 6:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

A return bus is scheduled to depart the civic center 30 minutes following the conclusion of the concert.

For more information about transportation, call Staff Sgt. Ronald Deshesky at 696-5251.

56 Club

The 56 Club is made up of staff and technical sergeants and is looking for new members. It is involved in community and military affairs and is the voice of junior noncommissioned officers on base.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Bomb Shelter.

People interested in joining or for more

information, call Staff Sgt. Melida Sierra at 696-4226 or e-mail melida.sierra@dyess.af.mil or call Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ellis at 696-4462 or e-mail christopher.ellis@dyess.af.mil.

Holiday meal

The Longhorn dining facility is scheduled to serve a Presidents’ Day meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

The meal is open to all base personnel, retirees and family members.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Manzel McGhee at 696-2421.

Cell phone usage

Effective Feb. 27 in accordance with Department of Defense installation traffic code, operators of government vehicles and individuals driving personal vehicles on government installations will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or the operator is using a hands-free device.

Wearing headphones, earphones or other listening devices is also prohibited while operating a motor vehicle.

Drivers may be stopped for these offenses and points may be assessed to the individuals’ driving record for each violation.

Scholarships

NMFA scholarship

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships.

Scholarships are normally \$1,000 and may be used for tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Applications may be submitted online until midnight April 15.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, visit [www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006](http://www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006).

DeCA scholarship

The Defense Commissary Agency is offering scholarships of \$1,500 to students in 2006.

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday. For eligibility requirements or more information applicants may visit the website <http://militaryscholar.org>.

Chief’s Group scholarship

The Chief’s Group is accepting applications for scholarships.

Applications may be obtained from high school counselors, the family support center, or any active-duty chief. Applications must be postmarked by April 15 and mailed to Dyess Chief’s Group, Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 9785, Dyess AFB, TX 79607-0785.

For information regarding eligibility criteria, call Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bush at 696-2857.

DOSC scholarship


The Dyess Officers’ Spouses’ Club is accepting scholarship applications through March 10.

Applications may be picked up at Dyess Lanes, the Heritage Club, the Hangar Center, the base family support center, library, youth center, thrift shop, education center, and any Abilene area high school or college.

Previous Dyess OSC scholarship winners are ineligible to re-apply.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, call Jody Hammes at 793-1513.

# Dyess Chapel



Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

**Catholic worship schedule:**

Saturday:	Reconciliation — 4 p.m. Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass — 9 a.m. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine — 11 a.m.
Tuesday — Friday:	Mass — 11:30 a.m.


**Protestant worship schedule:**

Sunday:	Traditional worship service — 11 a.m. Gospel service — 12:30 p.m. Sunday school — 9:45 p.m.
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**Jewish services:**

A Jewish service is scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St.

# The BIG Screen



The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$3, children 6-12 years old are \$1.50, and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. Admission for G-rated movies is \$1.50 for children between the ages 2-12.

For more information, call the base theater at 696-4320.

**Today at 7 p.m.**

**Casanova**

*Heath Ledger, Sienna Miller*

When Giacomo Casanova discovered Francesca Bruni, he met his ultimate romantic match, succumbing to the only woman ever to refuse his charms — until he could prove himself to be the one man worthy of her romantic ideals. Not only a dashing rebel and wit, Casanova is also a vulnerable man who is chasing after love as Bishop Pucci of the Inquisition chases after him.

Rated R (sexual content) 108 min.

**Saturday, Sunday at 2 p.m.**

**Hoodwinked**

*Animated*

Furry and feathered cops from the animal world, Chief Grizzly and Detective Bill Stork, investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny’s cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe. The charges are many: breaking and entering, disturbing the peace, intent to eat, and wielding an axe without a license and this case might be tied to the elusive “Goody Bandit” recipe thief. Rated PG (action and thematic elements) 83 min.

**Saturday at 7 p.m.**

**Grandma’s Boy**

*Allen Covert, Peter Dante*

By day, 35-year-old Alex is the world’s oldest video game tester, but by night, he is privately developing the next big game for the X-Box generation. When one of his roommates spends all the rent money on Taiwanese hookers, Alex is kicked out of his apartment, and finds himself forced to live with his grandmother and her friends Grace and Bea.

Rated R (drug use, language, crude and sexual humor, nudity) 96 min.



# CMS schools OSS 60-44

By Senior Airman James Schenck  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The 7th Component Maintenance Squadron turned a small early lead into an insurmountable 16-point victory over the 7th Operations Support Squadron in intramural play Feb. 9.

The more agile CMS team used its speed to move the ball around the court and often passed it down court for easy points resulting in its 60-44 victory.

“Defense was the key to our win,” said CMS coach Dennis Hargreaves after the game. The only thing we can improve on is more defense, he said.

The 7th OSS played a slower-paced but more controlled game. They set up plays and executed them relying on fundamentals.

Early in the first half, the 7th OSS attempted a comeback with the help of Erich Grade who made a string of 3-point shots, tying the score at 18-18.

This run would be short-lived. The OSS team struggled throughout the game to get their shots to fall.

CMS’s Donterrio Erby did not have the same problems. Between getting the tip-off and easily scoring in the double digits, he played a large part in CMS’s win.

A time-out early in the first half allowed Jason Matthews to make some emergency analysis of OSS’s play. “We got killed for three layups in a row,” he said.

Despite play that appeared even, half-time came with CMS standing at 42 points — 15 points ahead of OSS.

The CMS bench was strangely quiet — as it had been during previous time-outs.

The team caught its breath, obviously happy with its double-digit lead.

In contrast, the 7th OSS bench was a flurry of activity and talk about turning the game around and changing strategy.

After some discussion, OSS agreed to adopt a 3-2 defense before taking the court.

Strategy and words of encouragement were not enough to spur the team to make up lost points.

The second half was notably unorganized as both teams struggled to hold onto the ball or shoot effectively. Turnovers mounted in comedic style with possession changing sometimes six times without a point ever being scored.

Similarly, the fouls started to rack up for both teams as OSS began to utilize a pressure defense.

The fouls helped neither team as the majority of foul shooters could not make their shots.

In one spectacular grappling match for the ball near the CMS bench, a player was pushed out-of-bounds and landed in an empty chair that slid several feet across the floor. Other players in the mix were less fortunate as several of them became tangled and stumbled until they fell into an awkward heap.

The sloppy play of the second half was evident as both teams scored approximately half of the points during that half as compared with the first.

As the clock ticked down and both teams traded baskets, it became apparent that OSS would not be able to recover from CMS’s substantial halftime lead.

The game ended in a whimper as both teams realized a last-minute come-back was impossible and let the clock run out with little fanfare.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ronald Lappe

The 7th Component Maintenance Squadron’s Ronald Tinney looks to make an interior pass to Donterrio Erby (2) for an easy layup as the 7th Operations Support Squadron’s Jason Kiser (5) and Anthony Straw (15) try to prevent the basket. The 7th CMS bested the 7th OSS 60-44.



Above: Jack Ruen fades back for a jump shot to get over the outstretched arms of OSS players Jeremiah Gray and Jeffrey Martin. Left: The 7th OSS’s Dwight Williams (33) sets a pick so teammate Anthony Straw (15) to drive the lane around CMS defender Frank Vandevander (13) in intramural basketball Feb. 9.

Intramural basketball standings									
Over-30 League			National League			American League			
Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses	
7th MUNS	6	1	7th CMS	9	0	7th CES	7	1	
7th BW/MSS	5	1	7th LRS	6	3	7th AMXS	7	1	
7th AMXS/MOS	3	3	7th SVS	5	4	7th MUNS	5	3	
7th SVS	2	3	7th OSS	4	5	7th MDG	4	4	
7th OG	1	4	317th AMXS/MXS	3	6	7th CS	1	7	
7th CES	0	5	7th AMXS #2	0	9	7th EMS	0	8	

## Uniform

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- French manicures are allowed, but finger-nail length in all instances will not exceed one-quarter inch beyond the fingertip.
- In addition to clutch-style purses, purses with no more than two straps are authorized with mess dress.
- Earrings will be small spherical, conser-

vative diamond, gold, white pearl or silver with any uniform combination and must be worn as a set. For those with multiple ear piercing, only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe and will also conform to these earring wear standards when performing duty in civilian clothes.

- Male flight cap is optional.
- The updates will be added to Air Force Instruction 36-2903 when the new version is released in March.

## STEP

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used as a below-the-zone promotion.

“There was no one who was going to compete with Jesse,” said Senior Master Sgt. Ronnie Allen, Sergeant Roberts’ supervisor. “I’ve never met a more deserving person for a STEP promotion. He’s dedicated; that’s it.”

“He’s what that whole program was

designed for. He doesn’t go home. This is for guys who are killing themselves working for you,” said Lt. Col. Lee Taylor, 7th AMXS commander. “You have to force him away. He does extremely high quality work.”

Sergeant Roberts is in line to be the next maintenance representative to the 7th Bomb Wing Safety office, a two-year post, Colonel Taylor said. Sergeant Roberts will be responsible to speak for maintenance where safety issues are concerned.